

Testimony of

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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee,

Good Morning. I'd like to add my endorsement of Elizabeth B. Ritter. She is an excellent candidate for Commissioner of the State Department on Aging. Ms. Ritter has a deep understanding of CT citizens and especially the elderly.

Ms. Ritter has proven time and again her deep desire to serve the citizens of Connecticut. Her past service on the Appropriation Committee, the Human Services Committee plus being a strong advocate for the elderly has given her the sound understanding needed to lead the State Department on Aging.

As reported by the Connecticut Commission on Aging, CT is the 7th oldest state in the nation and our population of 65+ is projected to grow by 64% from 2006-2030. CT needs to become proactive as we get ready to support this growth. Ms. Ritter has the experience needed and she will provide the strong leadership needed to lead the State Department of Aging.